Legislation Connected to Breakthrough Priorities

Veteran touchpoints

1 Improve the Veterans Experience

Increase Access to Health Care

Improve Community Care

<u>VA Provider Agreement Legislation</u>: VA draft bill of 5/1/15. S. 2000, S. 2179, S. 425 approved by SVAC on 12/9/15 sections 461 and 462 (S. 425 version inadequate because of limited scope and two year sunset). Part of S.2546 (Burr-Tester) addressed on 3/15/16. H.R. 4591 marked on 2/25/16. Part of draft OMNIBUS bill discussions.

Consolidation Plan Legislation: described in detail in 10/30/15 plan. S.2546 addressed on 3/15/2016. Technical Assist continues. Part of draft OMNIBUS bill discussions. FY2015 and FY2016 Construction and Leasing: Part of draft OMNIBUS bill discussions. (Priority 1 and 2)

Develop a Simplified Appeals Process

Strawman submitted with FY2017 Budget. Next meeting with stakeholders is 3/30/16. Legislation will be drafted and submitted on agreed to proposals. Goal is include in OMNIBUS bill.

Veteran touchpoints

Continue to Reduce Veteran
Homelessness

West LA Master Plan Enabling Legislation: EUL authority in VA construction draft sent to HVAC and SVAC on 4/14/2015. H.R. 3484 and S. 2013. Part of draft ONMIBUS bill discussions.

VA internal facing

10 Staff Critical Positions

80-hour workweek flexibility: FY2016 Budget submission. S. 1450, hearing held, approved by SVAC on 12/9/15 as section 412 of S. 425. HVAC addressed on 3/16/16. Part of draft OMNIBUS bill discussions.

More competitive pay for VAMC and VISN Directors: FY2016 Budget submission. Section 302 of S. 1676, hearing held, approved by SVAC on 12/9/15 as section 415 of S. 425. HVAC addressed on 3/16/16. Part of draft ONMIBUS bill discussions.

<u>Title 38</u>: VA draft bill of 3/23/16. Part of draft OMNIBUS bill discussions.

<u>NOTE</u>: In the 2017 Budget, VA is proposing new budget flexibility to allow the Secretary to transfer discretionary funds among accounts. Not included in HAC MILCON/VA mark on 3/23/16.



